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FOR:

FIELD-SERVICEABLE SOLIDS HANDLING VERTICAL TURBINE

PUMP

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

February 1, 1999 (Monday following due date of January 30, 1999, Saturday)

Sir:

In Reply to the Office Action dated September 30, 1999, with a one (1) month extension from December 30, 1998 to January 30, 1999 being requested, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the aboveidentified application.

AMENDMEMT

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 18 and 23 without prejudice or disclaimer to subject matter contained therein. the subject matter contained therein.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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| Certi | ificate of | Mailing pro | ovisi | ons of | 37 C.F.R. § 1. | 8. | |

___ The enclosed document is being transmitted via facsimile.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | | PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
|--|---|---|---|---|------------------|-------|-------------------|
| TOTAL | 24 | - | 24 | = | -0- | \$ 18 | \$ -0- |
| INDEPENDENT | 5 | - | 4 | = | 1 | \$ 78 | \$ 78.00 |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE CLAIM | | | | | | \$260 | \$ |
| | | | | | | TOTAL | \$ 78.00 |

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- X Petition for ONE (1) month(s) extension of time pursuant
 to 37 CFR §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$ 110.00 for the
 extension of time.

 No fee is required.
- X A check in the amount of \$ 188.00 is enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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